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SACRAMENTO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that RALPH WILLIAM ADAMSON, 66, of Sacramento, Calif., pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge Edward J. Garcia to possession of child pornography.

This case is the product of an extensive joint investigation by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kyle Reardon, who prosecuted the case, on November 20, 2007, ADAMSON possessed child pornography on two computers that he owned. Agents ultimately identified 53 images of child pornography.

The maximum penalty is 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and a lifetime term of supervised release. The defendant may also be ordered to pay restitution to any victims. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

ADAMSON is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Garcia on November 14, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

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